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15 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
16 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

17 In re BANC OF CALIFORNIA
18 SECURITIES LITIGATION,

Case No.: 8:17-cv-00118-DMG (DFMx)

CLASS ACTION

19 This Document Relates To:

20 ALL ACTIONS.

**DEFENDANT STEVEN A. SUGARMAN'S
RESPONSE TO MUDDY WATERS
CAPITAL LLC'S STATUS REPORT AND
REQUEST FOR RULING RE MOTION
FOR SANCTIONS AND CONTEMPT
ORDER**

21 Judge: Hon. Dolly M. Gee
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1 The Court should disregard Muddy Waters Capital LLC's ("Muddy Waters")
2 October 3, 2024 Status Report And Request For Ruling Re Motion For Sanctions And
3 Contempt Order ("Status Report") as an improper supplemental filing. *See* Local Rule 7-
4 10. The Status Report is meritless and its' characterizations of procedural motions in other
5 litigation matters are misleading and irrelevant.

6 For instance, in *Levine vs. The Change Company CDFI LLC*, pending in Orange
7 County Superior Court, Case No. 30-2023-01331710-CU-WT-NJC, Judge Vu ordered
8 Muddy Waters to produce documents it had refused to produce and expressly rejected
9 Muddy Waters' request that Sugarman post a bond to ensure his compliance with a proposed
10 protective order because Muddy Waters "[did not show] that the confidentiality protective
11 order in the federal case has not been effective." Dkt. 651-1 at 7-8.

12 Sugarman respectfully requests the Court disregard the Status Report.
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14 Dated: October 7, 2024

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